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SUBJECT:BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - KIDNAPPED AMCITS IN

TANZANIA - SITREP NO. 5

1. OUR CONSUL IN BUKAVU, ACCOMPANIED BY US CONSUL FROM ZANZIBAR AND PETER STEINER, REPRESENTATIVE OF PARENTS, MET IN BUJUMBURA WITH VAGNI, ITALIAN PRIEST FROM EASTERN ZAIRE, WHO HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ATTEMPT MAKE CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS. WE ARE AWAITING GOZ APPROVAL FOR VAGNI TO PROCEED.

2. A FBIS REPORT STATES THAT PRESIDENT AMIN OF UGANDA HAS APPEALED TO KIDNAPPERS TO RELEASE HOSTAGES BECAUSE OF
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NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS AMONG ALL INVOLVED

GOVERNMENTS. HE FURTHER STATED IF KIDNAPPERS HAVE ANY
FEAR FOR THEIR OWN LIVES, THEY CAN BRING CAPTIVES TO
UGANDA AND RELEASE THEM THERE. IN RETURN THEY WILL BE
ASSURED SAFE CONDUCT AND AMNESTY BY UGANDA GOVERNMENT.
(COMMENT: THIS APPEAL IS CHARACTERISTIC OF AMIN'S "SHOOTING
FROM HIP" APPROACH AND PERSONAL INTERJECTION IN MANY
PROBLEMS AROUND WORLD.) INGERSOLL

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